

privileges for the duration of debate on H.R. 1591 supplemental appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE- MENT—NOMINATION OF GEORGE WU

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that tomorrow at 11:50 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of George Wu to be a U.S. district judge, Calendar No. 38; that there be 20 minutes for debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Judiciary Committee; that at the conclusion of or yielding back of time, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination; that following the vote, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONGRATULATING THE EUROPEAN UNION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 124 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 124) congratulating the European Union on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome/creating the European Economic Community among 6 European countries and laying the foundations for peace, stability, and prosperity in Europe.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The resolution (S. Res. 124) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 124

Whereas after a half century of war and upheaval, and in the face of economic and political crises and the threat of communism, European visionaries began a process to bring the countries of Europe into closer economic and political cooperation to help secure peace and prosperity for the peoples of Europe;

Whereas, on March 25, 1957, 6 European countries—the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg—signed the Treaty of Rome, creating the European Economic Community;

Whereas the Treaty of Rome established a customs union between the signatory countries, but also did much more, creating a

framework that has broadened and deepened over time into the European Union, promoting the free movement of people, services, and capital, and common policies among the countries in important areas, and that has helped secure the spread of peace and stability in Europe;

Whereas the European Economic Community expanded to bring more European countries into closer union, with the United Kingdom, Denmark, and Ireland joining in 1973, Greece joining in 1981, and Spain and Portugal joining in 1986;

Whereas the member countries of the European Economic Community agreed to the Single European Act in 1987, paving the way for a single European market, and on February 7, 1992, the member countries of the European Community signed the Treaty of Maastricht, furthering the economic and political ties among the member countries and creating the European Union;

Whereas the European Union has continued to grow so that the European Union now comprises 27 countries with a population of over 450,000,000, after the successful unification of Germany in 1990 and the joining of Austria, Finland, and Sweden in 1995, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia in 2004, and Bulgaria and Romania in 2007, and the European Union continues to consider expanding to include other countries central to the history and future of Europe;

Whereas the European Union has developed a broad *acquis communautaire* covering policies in the economic, security, diplomatic, and political areas, has established a single market, has built an economic and monetary union, including the Euro currency, and has built an area of freedom, security, peace, and justice, extending stability to its neighbors;

Whereas the European Union played a key role at the end of the Cold War in helping to spread free markets, democratic institutions and values, and respect for human rights to the former central European communist states;

Whereas the United States and the European Union have shared a unique partnership based on a common heritage, shared values, and mutual interests, and have worked together to strengthen international cooperation and institutions, to create a more open international trading system, to ensure transatlantic and global security, to preserve and promote peace, freedom, and democracy, and to advance human rights; and

Whereas the United States has supported the European integration process and has consistently supported the objective of European unity and the enlargement of the European Union to promote prosperity, peace, and democracy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the European Union and the member countries of the European Union on the 50th anniversary of the historic signing of the Treaty of Rome;

(2) commends the European Union for the critical role it and its predecessor organizations have played in spreading peace, stability, and prosperity throughout Europe; and

(3) affirms the desire of the United States to strengthen the transatlantic partnership with the European Union and with all of its member countries.

PERMITTING USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 66.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 66) permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 66) was agreed to.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 27; that on Tuesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, that there then be a period for morning business for 60 minutes with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, the first 30 minutes under the control of the Republicans, and the final 30 minutes under the control of the majority; that at the close of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1591; that on Tuesday, following the vote on the judicial nomination, the Senate stand in recess until 2:15 p.m. in order to accommodate the respective party conference work periods. I further ask unanimous consent that Members have until 2:30 to file first-degree amendments for the matter pending.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. If there is no further business today, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:56 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 26, 2007:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

R. LYLE LAVERTY, OF COLORADO, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE, VICE HAROLD CRAIG MANSON.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JANET E. GARVEY, OF MASSACHUSETTS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF